



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** AIR-200 Policy Memorandum 99-04, FAA
Oversight of U.S. Suppliers to Foreign Manufacturers,
Repair Stations, or Air Carriers

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From: Acting Manager, Production and Airworthiness
Certification Division, AIR-200

**Reply to
Attn. of:**

To: All Aircraft Certification Directorates
All Manufacturing Inspection Offices and District/Satellite
Offices
All Flight Standards Regional and District Offices

This policy memorandum is issued to clarify the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) regulatory responsibilities associated with U.S. manufacturers who are suppliers of aeronautical products and parts to foreign manufacturers, repair stations, or air carriers.

Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts (part 21), subpart K, section 21.303(a) states that "no person may produce a modification or replacement part for sale for installation on a type certificated product unless it is produced pursuant to a Parts Manufacturer Approval issued under this subpart." Type Certificated (TC) products are those products that are manufactured and maintained under a U.S. Type Certificate.

Section 21.303(a) allows a U.S. manufacturer who holds an FAA production approval to produce and export aeronautical parts or products manufactured under their own FAA production approval. Therefore, if the parts or products are produced under an FAA production approval, the FAA has oversight and surveillance responsibilities for that part or product.

A U.S. manufacturer that has entered into a supplier, subcontractor, or other similar relationship with a foreign manufacturing entity (e.g., a manufacturer of aircraft, aircraft engines, or propellers; repair station; or air carrier) may produce, identify and deliver civil aeronautical products and parts to that entity without obtaining an FAA design and production approval under part 21. These products and/or parts are to be produced in support of a design approval issued by a foreign Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), to include modifications made to a type design by repair stations or air carriers (e.g., TC, STC, CAA-approved modification).

The regulatory responsibility for control or oversight of a U.S. manufacturer acting strictly as a supplier to a foreign manufacturing entity resides with the CAA having oversight of that design and/or production approval. The FAA assumes no regulatory responsibilities for these programs, and will only provide assistance in surveillance of the U.S. supplier through a special arrangement with the CAA.

If you have any additional questions, please contact a member of the Production and Airworthiness Certification Division at (202) 267-8361.

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